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CINCEUR FOR POLAD, TEL AVIV FOR PAO, DELIVER BY 9 A.M.

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - MARCH 8

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE  
EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR MARCH 8, 1978.  
FYI ONLY, SPOKESMAN TODAY WAS THOMAS RESTON.

Q. YESTERDAY, AS HE ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON, THE ISRAELI  
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DEFENSE MINISTER SAID THAT IT HAS BEEN AGREED IN THE  
ISRAELI GOVERNMENT THAT THERE WOULD BE A HALT IN THE  
EXPANSION OR FURTHER BUILDING OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN  
OCCUPIED TERRITORY FOR SOME TWO TO THREE WEEKS. IS THIS  
IN LINE WITH WHAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD LIKE TO SEE?

A. I LITERALLY HAVE NOTHING ON SETTLEMENTS FOR YOU  
TODAY.

Q. WELL, SINCE THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN VERY OUTSPOKEN  
ABOUT IT IN THE PAST, THE ABSENCE OF SUCH A COMMENT TODAY  
WOULD SEEM TO BE AN ANSWER IN ITSELF. DO YOU SUDDENLY  
THINK THAT THE SETTLEMENTS ARE NOT IMPORTANT?

A. NO, I DON'T THINK THAT'S FAIR. I JUST DON'T HAVE  
ANYTHING IN FRONT OF ME. IF YOU WANT ME TO TAKE THE

QUESTION, I WILL.

Q. O.K. WOULD YOU, PLEASE?

A. YES.

Q. COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT THE INTERNATIONAL BORDERS WERE ON THE MAP OF ISRAEL WHEN THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZED ISRAEL AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE?

Q. WHAT ARE THE EXACT BORDERS FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL, WHETHER THE UNITED STATES WOULD RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE IN 1948.

A. NO, I CAN'T.

Q. WELL, COULD YOU GET US A MAP, PLEASE?

A. I SUGGEST THAT YOU CALL THE OFFICE OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GEOGRAPHER OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND I'M SURE THAT THEY HAVE A MAP THERE OF WHAT THE OFFICIAL INTERNATIONAL BORDERS OF ISRAEL WERE WHEN THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZED ISRAEL.

Q. YOU PUT OUT A ONE-SENTENCE STATEMENT THAT YOU'RE REVIEWING THE PROPOSED SALE OF KFIR'S BY ISRAEL WITH AMERICAN PARTS TO NATIONALIST CHINA? I DON'T REMEMBER -- AND MAYBE THERE'S BEEN A CHANGE ANYHOW -- BUT IS IT U.S. POLICY THAT NO WEAPONS WITH AMERICAN PARTS CAN BE TRANSFERRED OR THAT THEY'RE REVIEWED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS?

A. I THINK THEY'RE REVIEWED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

Q. SO IT DEPENDS ON OTHER FACTORS TOO--A DECISION IS BASED ON WHERE THEY'RE GOING -- AND THE SITUATION THERE AND ALL.

A. YES.

Q. DO YOU KNOW WHEN THIS REVIEW MIGHT BE CONCLUDED?

A. NO.

Q. ON THIS SUBJECT, AT THE END OF THE ECUADOR DEAL THAT FELL THROUGH, ISRAEL RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES A LIST OF COUNTRIES TO WHOM SHE WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO TRY AND SELL ANY KFIR PLANES OR ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT.

CAN YOU TELL US WHETHER TAIWAN WAS ON THAT LIST OR NOT?

A. NO, I CAN'T; AND I WASN'T EVEN AWARE OF ANY SUCH UNCLASSIFIED

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LIST THAT WE HAD GIVEN TO THE ISRAELIS.

Q. COULD YOU TAKE THIS QUESTION?

A. I'LL SEE WHETHER I CAN FIND OUT AND LET YOU KNOW.  
THESE THINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, AND WHETHER IT WAS  
ON SOME LIST A YEAR AGO I DON'T KNOW; AND I'M NOT SURE  
IT'S PARTICULARLY RELEVANT, BUT I'LL CHECK. VANCE

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